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Dear Jim:

This letter is in responds to LATAG's promise to get feedback to you on the final draft of the Supplemental Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Superfund Remedial Investigation at Libby, Montana.

On Wednesday, May 18th, 2005, the LATAG held a special board meeting to discuss their feedback and possible concerns that are in the quality assurance project plan. They want to convey their appreciate of a job well done in the outline of the project plan, how easily it was understood and the comprehensive coverage of the overall project plan. Your attendance at the regularly scheduled LATAG meeting on May 10th was instrumental in the understanding of the draft plan and was much appreciated.

The following concerns and issues were discussed and a unanimous vote was passed by the LATAG Board to document the following issues:

- Crawlspaces – this issue was not addressed in the project plan. It would be appreciated if information would be available regarding how these areas will be addressed.
- Lawn Mowing – in many instances children are mowing lawns and it would be appreciated of testing would be conducted at a "child height" in addition to the "adult height" testing.
- Carpets – LATAG would like the project plan to address concerns if follow-on testing detects fibers under carpets. If a property has been cleaned and follow-on testing detects fibers under the carpet, will the carpet be removed and replaced and at who's expense?
- Follow-On Test Results – LATAG would like to know when and where this information will be published.
- Wood Burning Stoves – is it a possibility that this could be a recontamination source?

Just a note, when follow-on testing is completed in homes that have been cleaned and if the clearance sample obtains a "hit", will the test area be enlarged or would a clean up commence for this home or business?

Again, LATAG would extend their appreciation in the detail and work EPA has done in this final draft. We sincerely hope that EPA will continue their presence at LATAG's regularly scheduled meetings and look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,

LATAG Board